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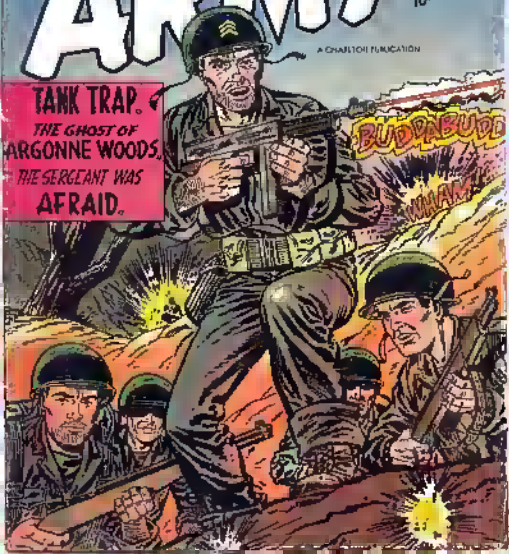
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*THE GHOST OF  
ARGONNE WOODS.  
THE SERGEANT WAS  
AFRAID.*

**BUDABUDE**

**WHAM!**





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# THE SERGEANT WAS AFRAID

THEY'LL GET ME SURE I WISH I COULD HIDE IN THAT FOX-HOLE AND NEVER COME OUT! WHAT AM I DOIN' UP HERE?

COME ON, YOU HEROES! YUH CAN'T HIDE ALL DAY! LET'S GO AND GET 'EM!

SURE, IT'S EASY FOR KALEK! HE'S NOT AFRAID... HE'S NOT EVEN HUMAN! I'M JUST A STUPID PRIVATE! I'M SCARED PLENTY!

BUD DABUDE

WHAM!

THE MEN DIDN'T LIKE SERGEANT KALEK -- BUT THEY EXPECTED HIM TO LEAD THE WAY IN COMBAT AND FOLLOWED HIM WHEN HE DID! THAT KALEK MIGHT FEEL FEAR AS THEY DID NEVER OCCURRED TO THEM... AND KALEK HIMSELF HAD TO FIGHT IT, SUPPRESS IT! FOR FEAR WAS A LUXURY HE COULDN'T AFFORD!

# FIGHTIN' ARMY

HE NEARLY GOT ME! I'D BE JUST ANOTHER NUMBER IN THE CASUALTY REPORT IF HE DIDN'T STUMBLE! HE WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE!



LOOK AT KALEK! HE'S IN HIS GLORY! WARS WERE INVENTED FOR GUYS LIKE HIM!



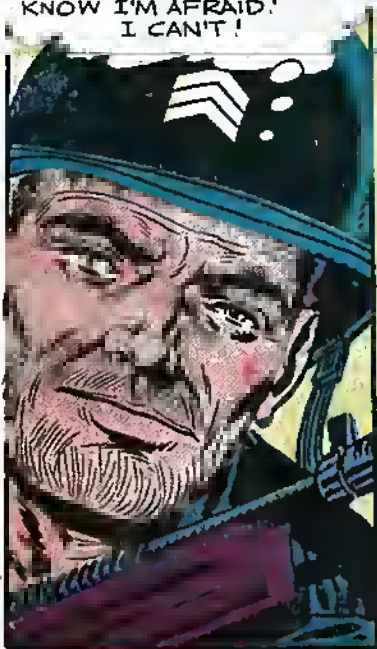
THE PLATOON NEVER KNEW OF HIS FEAR! BUT HE WOULD'VE GIVEN HIS STRIPES TO BE ABLE TO BREAK DOWN AND ADMIT HIS FEELINGS LIKE THE OTHERS!

WILL THEY BE BACK, SARGE? AREN'T YOU WORRIED AT ALL?

WHAT GOOD WOULD THAT DO?



I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE RIGHT NOW! I NEARLY RAN FOR IT WHEN THEY CHARGED US LAST TIME! I CAN'T LET THE OTHERS KNOW I'M AFRAID! I CAN'T!



LOOK AT THAT! JUST LIKE HE WAS BACK AT THE RIFLE RANGE SHOOTIN' FOR THE RECORD! HE'S A COLD FISH, ALL RIGHT!



THE OTHERS ADJUSTED NORMALLY TO LIFE IN THE LINES-- KALEK HAD TO ACT LIKE HE'D SPENT HALF HIS LIFE BEING SHOT AT!

HOW'S IT GOING, KALEK? I HEAR YOU'RE A REAL HERO UP HERE!

HERO? I'M SO SCARED MY STRIPES ARE SHAKIN'! CAN'T LET THE MEN KNOW THAT THOUGH!



# FIGHTIN' ARMY

HOW DO YOU THINK I FEEL? WELL BACK TO WORK, SARGE! KEEP PRETENDING YOU'RE A HERO AND ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU'LL BE ONE!

YEAH, A DEAD ONE! SEE YOU LATER, SKIPPER!

THE JOKES WITH THE CAPTAIN RELIEVED THE FEAR A LITTLE-- BUT THEN HE WAS ALONE AGAIN! ALONE WITH HIS FEAR, THE EVER PRESENT FEAR!



YUH SCARED ME OUT OF A YEAR'S GROWTH!

HA HA! HE WAS AFTER ME NOT YOU! I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE SCARED!



I COULD SAY I WAS GOING TO CHECK C AMMO AND SPEND THE NIGHT BACK THERE WHERE IT'S SAFE! I CAN'T TAKE THIS MUCH LONGER!



BUT HE DIDN'T! HE STAYED THERE, ALERT AND WATCHFUL, AFRAID BUT UNABLE TO FORGET HIS UNIFORM OR DUTY!



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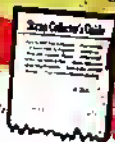
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# FIGHTIN' ARMY

MOST OF THE MEN GOT SOME SLEEP  
IN THE NIGHTS THAT FOLLOWED, BUT  
SERGEANT KALEK DIDN'T SLEEP AT ALL!

PRETTY QUIET  
LAST NIGHT!  
SORRY I  
DOPED OFF,  
BUT I KNEW  
YOU'D BE  
AWAKE!

THIS IS A CRUMMY  
PLACE TO SLEEP!  
I'LL WAIT TILL WE  
GET SENT BACK  
FOR A REST!

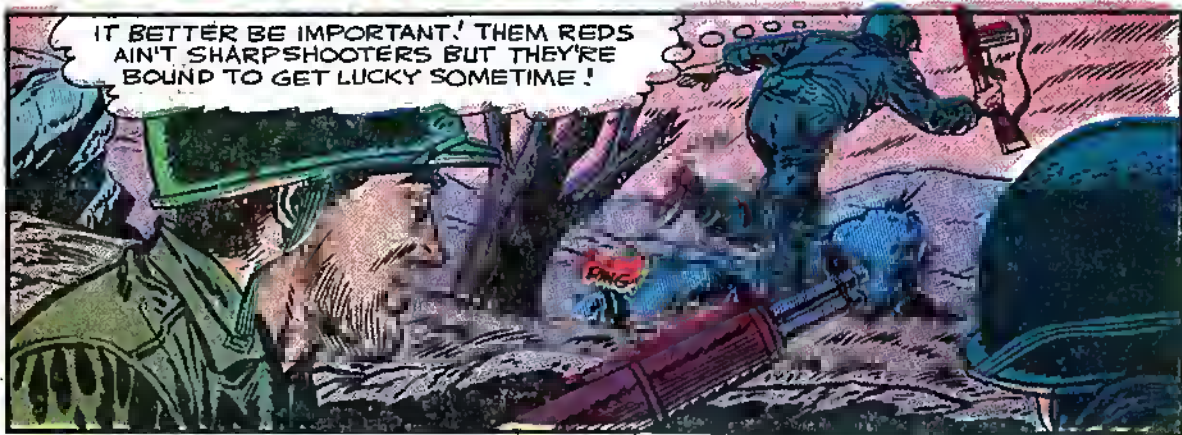


WHAT'RE YOU  
TRYING TO DO,  
GET ME  
KILLED?

YEAH, I HEARD HOW  
SCARED YOU ARE,  
SARGE! THE CAPTAIN  
WANTS TO SEE YUH  
RIGHT AWAY!

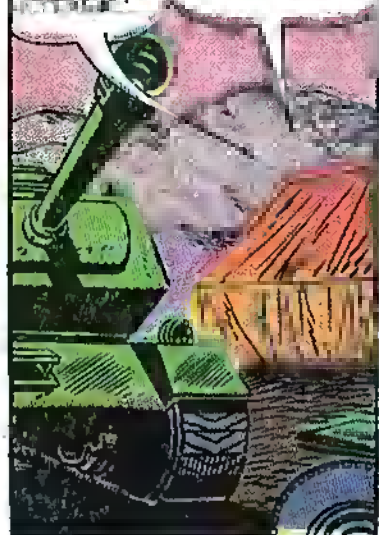


IT BETTER BE IMPORTANT! THEM REDS  
AIN'T SHARPSHOOTERS BUT THEY'RE  
BOUND TO GET LUCKY SOMETIME!



GLAD YOU GOT HERE ALL  
RIGHT, SARGE! I FOUND  
OUT THE  
REDS ARE  
MASSING  
FOR A  
REAL  
ATTACK!

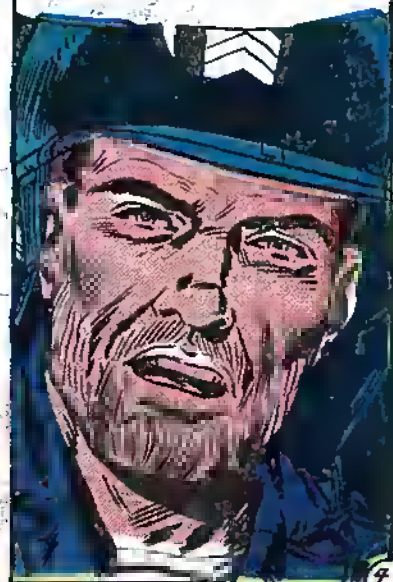
IF THEY WERE  
ONLY PLAYIN'  
UP TILL NOW,  
I'M QUITTIN'!



IT SEEMS THAT YOUR MEN  
HAVE PROVED TO BE THE  
STADIEST UNDER FIRE!  
SO WE--ESPECIALLY  
YOUR MEN HAVE TO HOLD  
THE LINE WHEN THE  
REDS MAKE THEIR  
BIG MOVE!



THAT'S ASKIN' TOO MUCH!  
I'M HUMAN! THE KIDS IN MY  
PLATOON ARE HUMAN! I'M  
FED UP! LET SOMEONE  
ELSE RUN THE PLATOON!



# FIGHTIN' ARMY

ALL RIGHT, YOU PICK THE MAN! UNTIL YOU DO, YOU'LL RUN IT!

I GUESS IT'S UP TO ME! I'M ABOUT THROUGH, THOUGH!



THE REDS CHARGED RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! THE CHARGE ALMOST PANICKED KALEK!

I CAN'T DO IT! I CAN'T! IT'S ASKIN' TOO MUCH!



BUT KALEK ONLY WEAKENED FOR A MOMENT-- THEN HE WAS PRETENDING TO BE A HERO AGAIN! HE AND THE OTHERS PRETENDED WELL, VERY WELL!



COME ON! COME ON! THE REDS ARE GIVING UP!



LATER, IN A REAR AREA--

YOU'RE NOT SHAKY, NOW, KALEK! BY THE WAY I PUT YOU UP FOR A SILVER STAR!

WHAA?? LISTEN, I DON'T DESERVE A-- HUH?

I DIDN'T SAY A WORD! I WAS JUST LAUGHIN' AT YOU SAYING THAT YOU WERE SCARED! THAT'S A RIOT!



END



FIGHTIN' ARMY

# THE MAN THEY

# LEFT BEHIND

THE HOWLING HORDE OF MOROS WERE WORKING THEMSELVES INTO A FRENZY! WITH THE NEW GUNS, THEY WERE ALMOST CERTAIN TO OVERCOME THE FEW U.S. ARMY MEN IN THAT CORNER OF THE PHILIPPINES TO GO ON AND SCOURGE THE ENTIRE ISLAND! THE SIX MEN IN THE SCOUTING DETACHMENT COULDN'T STOP THEM... SO HOW COULD SERGEANT CLIFF BAYLES DO IT ALL ALONE?



FALL BACK, SERGEANT! YOU CAN'T STOP THEM BY YOURSELF!

I CAN'T RUN EITHER, SIR! I CAN'T TAKE A STEP ON MY BAD ANKLE!

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JUAN DANJERO, A MORO GUERRILLA, WAS IN THE PAY OF THE SPANIARDS! LIEUTENANT CLAYTON HAD TO FIND HIM, LEARN HIS INTENTIONS...



HOLD IT, LIEUTENANT! I HEAR DRUMS UP AHEAD!

THAT'S DANJERO, THEN! IF THEY SPOT US, WE ALL KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN! NOT A SOUND!

# FIGHTIN' ARMY

DANJERO WAS SHOUTING HIS POISONOUS HATRED OF THE AMERICANS! THE MORO WARRIORS WERE WORKING THEMSELVES INTO THE MANIACAL RAGE THAT MADE THEM IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP SHORT OF DEATH...

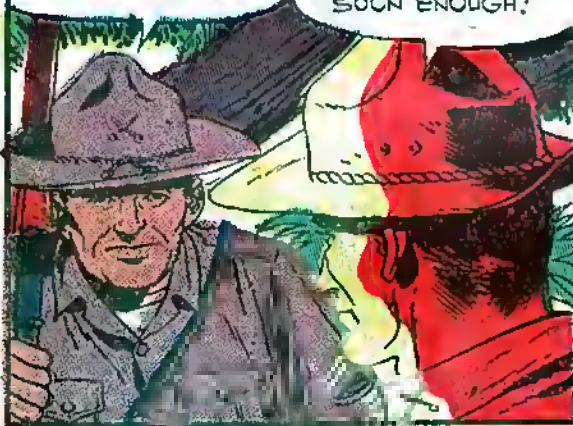


THE AMERICANS WILL SEIZE YOUR LAND, YOUR HOMES! THEY WILL ENSLAVE YOU! BUT IF WE ARE STRONG, THEY WILL FAIL!

THEY'RE READY RIGHT NOW! WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!

WE'D BETTER MAKE DUST, SIR! WE'LL NEED ALL THE MEN AT THE POST TO STOP THAT MOB!

PASS THE WORD TO FALL BACK SLOWLY! DANJERO'S SCOUTS WILL FIND US SOON ENOUGH!



THE DRUMS STOPPED! THAT COULD MEAN SOMEONE FOUND OUR TRAIL! I'LL FEEL BETTER ONCE WE GET ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PASS!



THEN, WITHOUT WARNING, HE SENSED A FLASHING BLUR! THE SNAKE STRUCK-- TOO LATE...

ONCE WE GET OVER...



I GOT THE SNAKE! DID HE GET YOU?

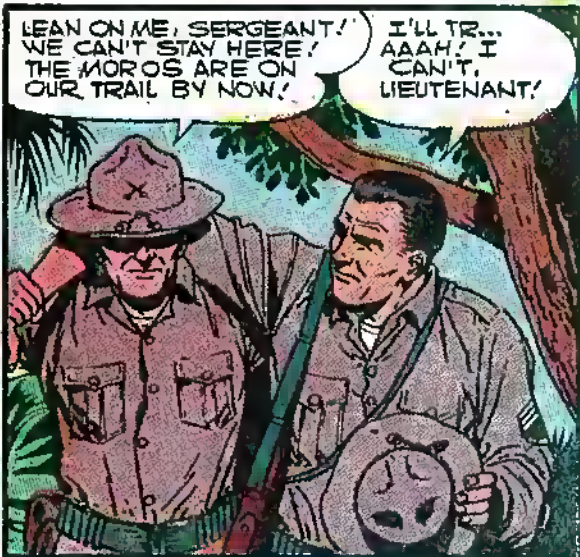
NO, SIR! I TWISTED MY ANKLE WHEN I JUMPED! HURTS LIKE BLAZES!



# FIGHTIN' ARMY

LEAN ON ME, SERGEANT!  
WE CAN'T STAY HERE!  
THE MOROS ARE ON  
OUR TRAIL BY NOW!

I'LL TR...  
AAAH! I  
CAN'T, I  
LIEUTENANT!



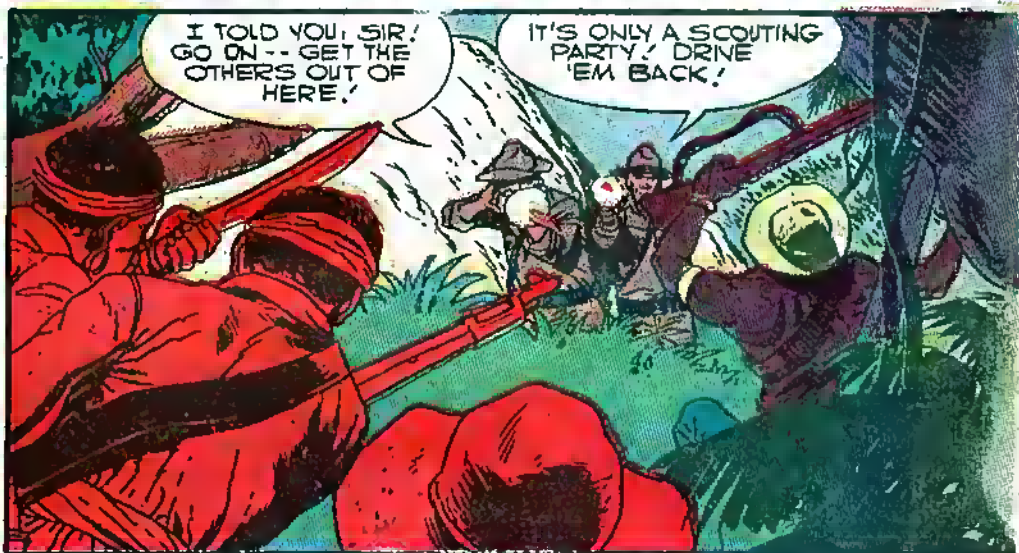
GO ON WITHOUT ME, SIR!  
DANJERO HAS TO BE  
STOPPED! I'LL CRAWL  
INTO THE BRUSH!  
'MAYBE THEY WON'T  
FIND ME!



BUT  
SERGEANT  
BAYLES  
KNEW  
THEY  
WOULD...  
AND  
A  
SPLIT  
SECOND  
LATER  
THE  
MOROS  
CONFIRMED  
IT...

I TOLD YOU, SIR!  
GO ON -- GET THE  
OTHERS OUT OF  
HERE!

IT'S ONLY A SCOUTING  
PARTY! DRIVE  
'EM BACK!



WE'RE ALL GONERS,  
CLIFF! THEM MOROS  
ARE RIGHT ON  
OUR HEELS!

LISTEN, YOU TWO  
GIVE ME YOUR  
RIFLES! GET  
ALL THE AMMU-  
NITION THE OTHERS  
CAN SPARE! I'VE  
AN IDEA!



BUT EVEN IF YOU  
CLIMB THE  
TREE, THEY'LL  
GET YOU  
SOONER  
OR LATER!

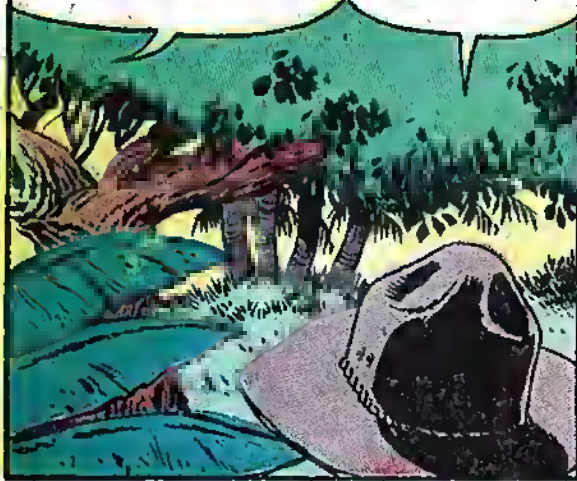
WITH A SPARE RIFLE  
AND PLENTY OF  
AMMUNITION, THEY'LL  
TAKE A LONG TIME  
DOING IT! YOU CAN  
GET TO THE CAPTAIN  
IN TIME, MAYBE!



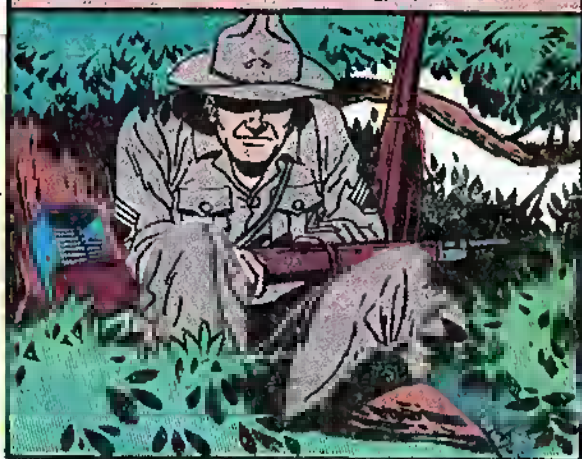
# FIGHTIN' ARMY

'I'M ALL SET, SIR! NOW GET OUT OF HERE AND DON'T SPOIL MY FUN!

YOU'RE A BRAVE MAN, SERGEANT!



YES, AND A LONELY ONE! FOR SERGEANT BAYLES KNEW THAT A HUNDRED RAGING MOROS WERE COMING... AND HE KNEW HIS ALMOST CERTAIN FATE...



AMERICANS STOP HERE... UNDER TREE!

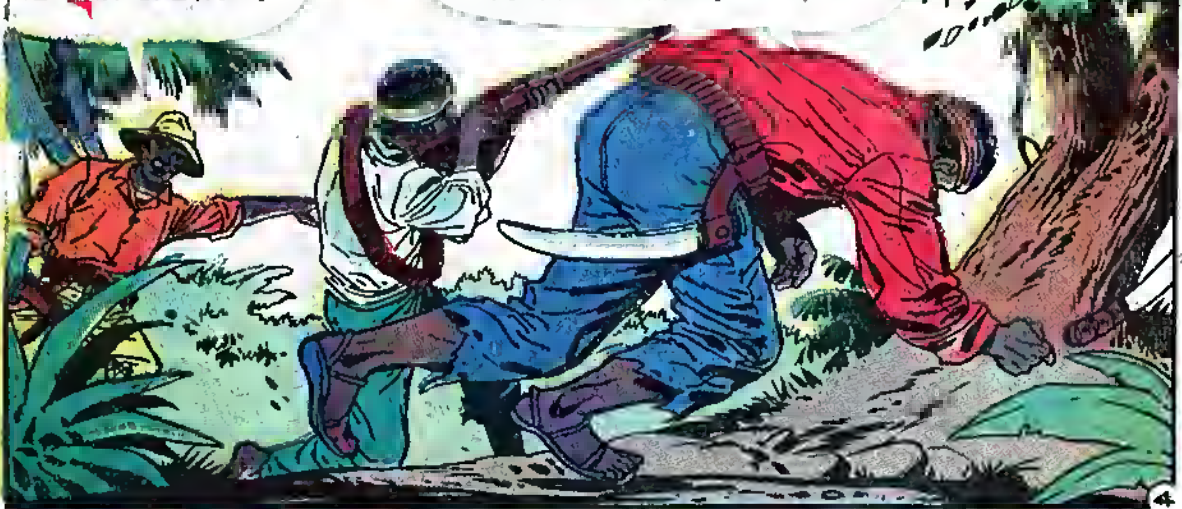


THEY KNEW WE PURSUED -- YET THEY STOPPED... AND SEE, THE BARK OF THE PALM IS SCRATCHED! SOMEONE HAS CLIMBED IT!



SLAY HIM! HE IS ONLY ONE MAN!

BUT THAT GUN SPEAKS OF CERTAIN DEATH!



# FIGHTIN' ARMY

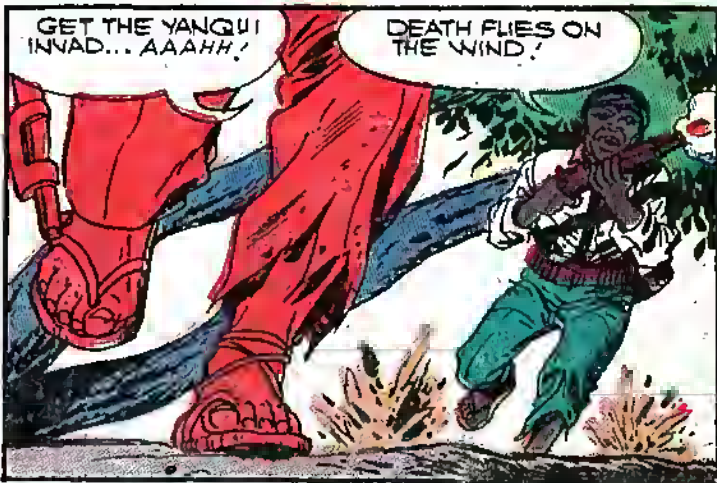
EVEN THE MADDENED MOROS FLED HIS SEARCHING BULLETS! CLIFF BAYLES, THOUGH, HE KNEW THE END WAS ONLY DELAYED, FELT GOOD...

THEY'LL BE A LITTLE CAUTIOUS FOR A WHILE-- TILL JUAN DANJERO CAN GET 'EM STEAMED UP AGAIN, THEN...



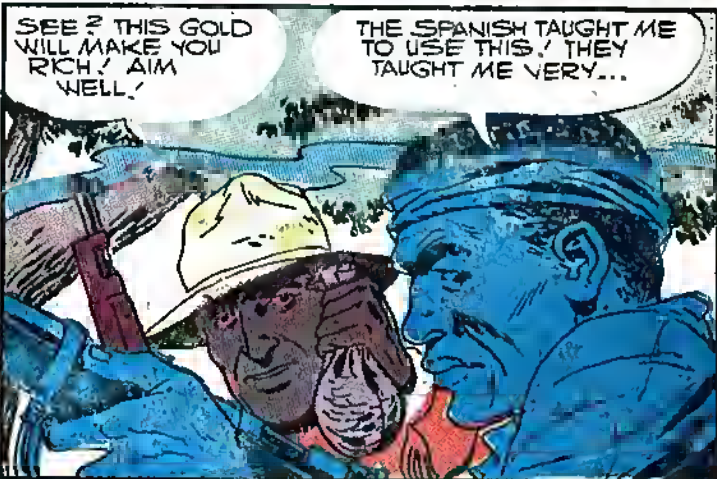
GET THE YANGQUI INVAD... AAAHH!

DEATH FLIES ON THE WIND!



SEE? THIS GOLD WILL MAKE YOU RICH! AIM WELL!

THE SPANISH TAUGHT ME TO USE THIS, THEY TAUGHT ME VERY...



FOREIGN DEVIL! HE STRIKES LIKE THE LIGHTNING AT A TALL TREE! WE WILL STARVE HIM OUT!



BUT SERGEANT BAYLES HAD HARDTACK... AND PLENTY TO DRINK...

THIS COCONUT MILK IS A LITTLE SOUR BUT IT TASTES GOOD AFTER A WHILE!



AND LT. CLAYTON'S MEN WERE BACK AT THE POST! THIS TIME, THE ENTIRE GARRISON WOULD TAKE THE FIELD...

FORWARD!... HARCH!



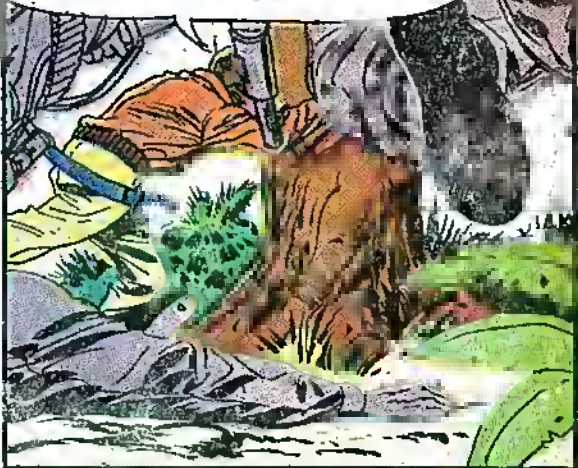
# FIGHTIN' ARMY

TWO DAYS LATER...

THEY'RE GETTING SET TO CHARGE AGAIN! I CAN'T STOP 'EM THIS TIME! I HAVE ONLY THREE BULLETS LEFT!



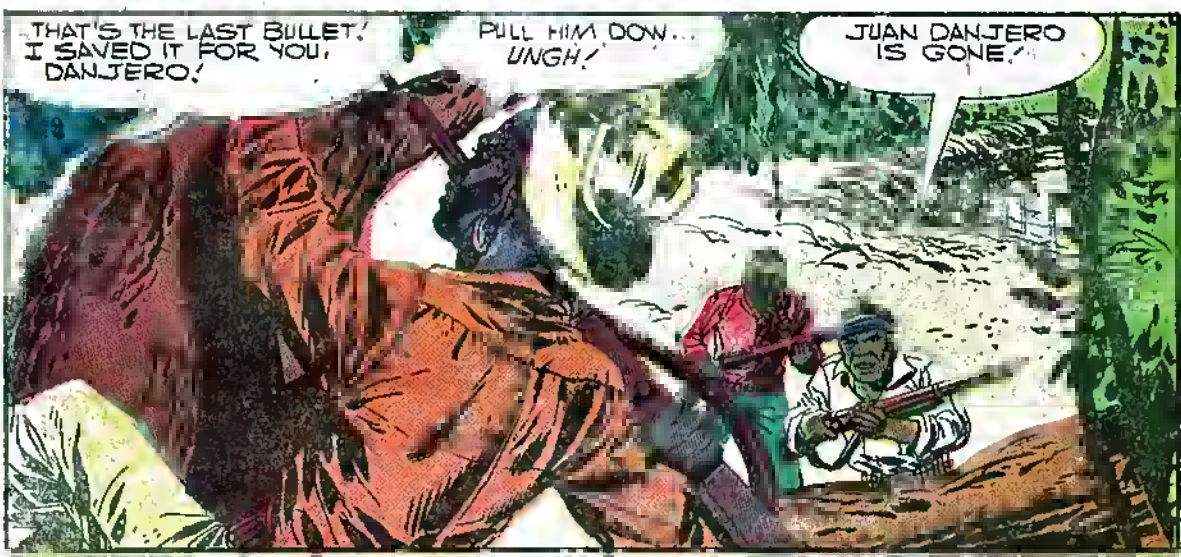
WE HAVE WON! THE AMERICANO HAS NO MORE BULLETS! DRAG HIM FROM HIS PERCH!



THAT'S THE LAST BULLET! I SAVED IT FOR YOU, DANJERO!

PULL HIM DOWN... UNGH!

JUAN DANJERO IS GONE!



THE TROOPS, HEARING THE GUNFIRE, DOUBLE TIMED TO THE TOP OF THE PASS, JUST IN TIME TO SEE THE LAST OF THE FLEEING MOROS...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BAYLES?



YOU DID A GREAT JOB, SER... WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

NOTHING, SHIR... JUST A LITTLE TIPSY! THAT COCONUT MILK WAS BEGINNING TO FERMENT! HAD QUITE A KICK, SHIR! (CHIC)



END

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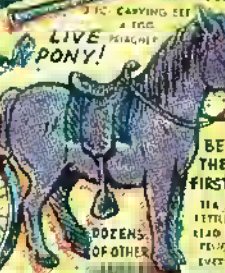
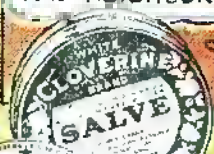
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A week after the world was saddened by the news of Wilbur Wright's death on Memorial Day, 1912, an event took place on June 7, 1912, that would in time directly affect mankind more than did the pioneer flight at Kitty Hawk. For on that day, Captain Charles DeForest Chandler successfully fired a full automatic weapon from an aircraft in flight for the first time in aviation history.

The experiment was carried out unofficially. Lt. Col. Isaac N. Lewis, Coast Artillery, United States Army, had devised a weapon for the Automatic Arms Co. of Buffalo, N. Y. Feeling it was a most progressive step in machine-gun construction, he visualized its use in the most promising development of the day — the flying machine.

Lt. Col. Isaac N. Lewis talked about this to Captain Chandler, the commanding officer at College Park. The captain agreed to try this gun and offered to fire it personally.

The early model of the Lewis air-cooled automatic machine gun weighed 25 pounds, 6 ounces and was chambered for the caliber .30/06 United States Army infantry rifle cartridge. The ammunition was contained in a circular drum that slipped over a post on the top of the receiver. The rate of fire of the weapon was given as well above 750 rounds per minute. For this trial, however, it was slowed down by putting unusual tension on the return spring. Lewis thought it best to shoot 500 shots a minute, allowing the gunner to empty the drum in 6 seconds. The gun had no sighting arrangement other than looking along the top of the unusually large aluminum barrel jacket.

Captain Chandler, after being shown by Lewis how to operate the weapon and being made familiar with the kick and amount of bump when operating it full automatic, took his place in the Type B Wright Pusher plane. The muzzle of the gun rested on the cross bar upon which the pilot and observer placed their feet. It had been agreed that the firing was to take place a short distance in front of the hangar. In the interest of safety a decision was made to fly at a low altitude.

A target, consisting of a piece of cheesecloth 6 by 7 feet in size was laid on the ground.

Lewis calculated that the plane would travel over the length of the target in one-tenth of a second. Lt. T. DeWitt Milling, who was piloting the plane, made three approaches at an altitude of 250 feet. Each time a short burst was fired. Examination showed five hits on the target and several bullet holes directly in front of the cheesecloth.

Chandler could not see where the bullets were hitting on the ground. When circling over some adjacent fish ponds, he fired the remainder of the drum into the water to observe the spacing of the bullets by the splashes.

This unscheduled burst caused the colonel much concern. Thinking that Chandler may have fired the weapon accidentally, he asked the observers to take cover in the hangars as a precautionary measure. He concluded that if the trigger had been pulled once accidentally, it might be done again. Later Lewis was much relieved by the captain's explanation for firing into the pond.

Realizing they had contributed to aviation history, they planned another trial the following day. This time a target 2 yards wide and 18 yards in length was used. And again, the two officers, Chandler and Milling, took off in the plane. From experience gained the day before, they decided to raise the altitude to 550 feet. Even at the increased height, 14 shots out of the 44 fired hit the target and the remainder of the bullets left holes in the ground close by.

A Serbian student named Princip, on June 28, 1914, assassinated Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria and thus set off what can be called the First Great Machine Gun War. The automatic weapon had heretofore been employed only in minor conflicts. In the 1914-1918 war it was estimated that 92 percent of all casualties were inflicted with this highly lethal type of weapon.

Mention must be made of the part played by the Lewis aircraft machine gun in breaking up the Zeppelin raids over England. This German aircraft was named for its inventor, Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin. He was born on July 8, 1838, in Constance, Baden, Germany, and after 30 years of service in the German Army,



retired with the rank of General. He announced his intention of devoting the remainder of his life to the study of aeronautics and the building of lighter-than-air-machines.

His decision was influenced partially by his term as military attaché in the United States during the Civil War. At that time he made his first balloon ascension with Professor Lowe to reconnoiter the Confederate forces.

Unable to find financial backing at first, Count von Zeppelin sold his family estate and all other valuables to raise the money needed to conduct his first experiment. Within 2 years he had his first airship, using a 16 horsepower Daimler motor for power, ready for flight. After a short trial in the air, it was destroyed by an accident, as were also Zeppelins II, III, and IV.

The count was financially ruined after so many failures and very low in morale when the German Government agreed to finance the next ship, to be known as the Deutschland. In 1910 it made a flight for a distance of 300 miles. This feat stirred the imagination of the German people and over \$1,500,000 poured in for the purpose of more experimentation.

The Deutschland was also wrecked by a sudden and violent wind as it attempted to land, but the government now had implicit faith in the Zeppelins. Further experimentation was needed and finally one of these ships powered with 75 horsepower engines successfully rode out a storm for three days with gales at times of 80 miles per hour. Between 1900 and 1914 the Zeppelin Corporation constructed over 115 airships of the rigid type.

The German military command realized that it had at its disposal what might be considered a powerful weapon. The Zeppelins could stay aloft longer than conventional airplanes. They could also reach a greater altitude than any plane. Their speed, especially with a favorable wind was far in excess of that standard military aircraft. Best of all, the designers reasoned that the huge area and unlimited carrying power of the dirigibles furnished a platform upon which to mount weapons. This would allow them to fight off anything that dared to approach the flying arsenal.

The first Zeppelin assault on England took place at Great Yarmouth on January 19, 1915.

It resulted in minor damage and was considered merely a token raid, a dress rehearsal for the main event. An English newspaper made the statement: "What made the people indignant was not so much the ruthlessness of the Germans, but the failure of our own naval and military to offer any protection . . . or even to harass them when they came."

It took years in time and millions in money to build up the Zeppelin myth. It was quickly shattered when British airmen found the fatal weakness of the huge airships. The following report on bringing down a Zeppelin, the L-53, by Lt. Culley, of the Royal Air Force, illustrates a typical encounter:

"The naval units informed me at 8:30 a.m. there was a Zeppelin approaching from NE at an estimated 15,000 feet altitude. I got my 'Camel' into the air at 8:41 a.m. and with the sun at my back, I climbed upwards. When first sighted, the airship was broadside, but evidently having sighted me it had turned end on and had climbed to 19,000 feet. As we approached, the 'Camel' sat tail down unable to climb another inch of altitude. At this close point the airship started to pass slowly overhead. I pressed the trigger of my two Lewis guns mounted above the wing and after firing a long burst observed the bullets strike and floss as they hit the metal in the under belly of the huge ship.

A propeller on an engine on the port side was seen to stop and as nothing else seemed to happen I dived my plane, followed later by an explosion as the whole airship exploded in flames. One of the crew succeeded in jumping with a parachute and was saved . . ."

Lt. Culley could have mentioned the fact that he was using the new Buckham incendiary bullets in his guns. Of the 12 Zeppelins destroyed in attacks over London, the Lewis aircraft machine gun is officially credited with shooting down 10 of them.

In studying the history of the various weapons invented to be used in a war, the following observation may be of interest: A terrible effective weapon is created. Then another one to oppose it! Here an invention of an American met the invention of a German — and won.

— THE END —

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THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE BY THE CITY OF BOSTON AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
ON THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 1915 AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON  
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK  
I, the undersigned, being a Justice of the Peace for the County of Suffolk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the files of the City of Boston.  
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 1915.  
J. W. BROWN, Justice of the Peace.

# The GHOST OF ARGONNE WOODS

THE COMPANY KNEW HANK SCHIFFER WAS DEAD! HE HAD TO BE! NO ONE COULD LIVE THROUGH THE GERMAN BARRAGE THAT HAD POUNDED THE ARGONNE FOR DAYS...

IT'S HANK'S GHOST! LOOK, HE TURNED BLUE ALREADY!

H-HANK, YOU'RE NOT DEAD?!

RECKON THESE DUTCHMEN AIN'T MADE THE BULLET THAT'LL GET ME!



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THE ARGONNE, THE BLOODY ARGONNE, HAD THE AMERICANS STOPPED. IT WAS MINED, SATURATED WITH MACHINE GUNS, AND BIG GUNS BEHIND THE LINE POUNDED IT DAY AFTER DAY...

YUH DANGED HILLBILLY! I TOLD YUH TUH KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN!

SHUCKS, CORP'RAL, THEY AIN'T AGONNA GIT ME! FOLKS BACK HOME SHOOT TWICE AS GOOD AS THEM JERRIES!



IT'S TOO LONG A SHOT, SCHIFFER! MUST BE SIX HUNDRED YARDS!

KEEP WATCHING, CAPTAIN!



HOW'S THAT, CAP? IF I HAD MY OWN RIFLE, I WOULD'VE GOT 'IM PLUMB CENTER!

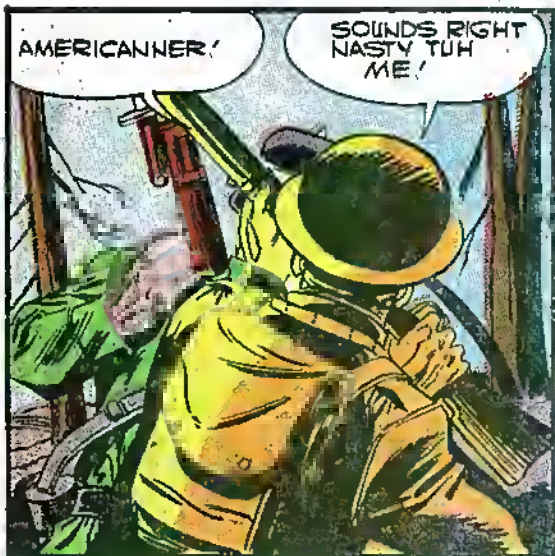


REMEMBER, WE WANT PRISONERS, AND DON'T GET LOST!

CAN'T GET LOST IN THIS LITTLE BIT O' WOODS!

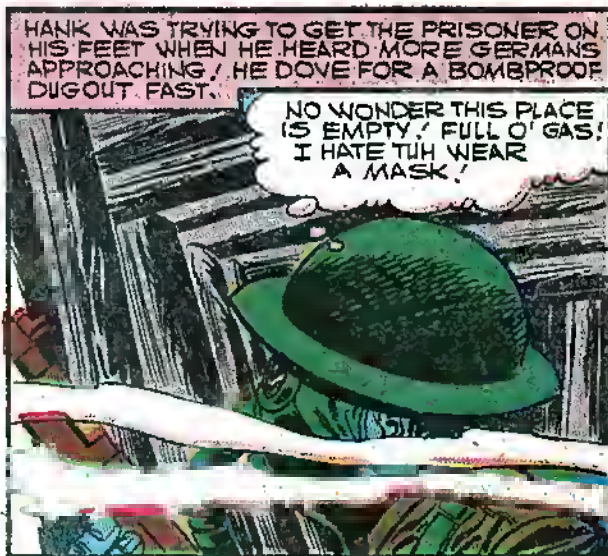


# FIGHTIN' ARMY



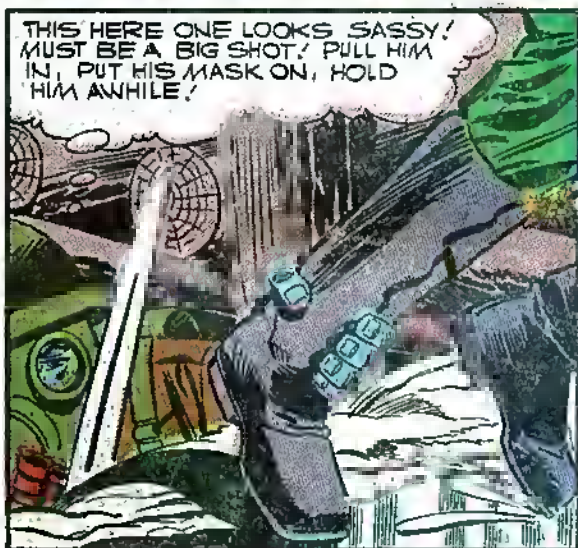
AMERICANNER!

SOUNDS RIGHT  
NASTY TUH  
ME!

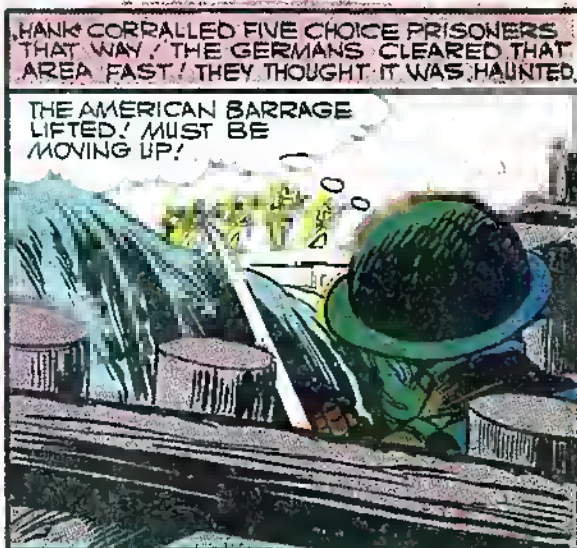


HANK WAS TRYING TO GET THE PRISONER ON HIS FEET WHEN HE HEARD MORE GERMANS APPROACHING! HE DOVE FOR A BOMBPROOF DUGOUT FAST.

NO WONDER THIS PLACE  
IS EMPTY, FULL O' GAS!  
I HATE TUH WEAR  
A MASK!



THIS HERE ONE LOOKS SASSY!  
MUST BE A BIG SHOT! PULL HIM  
IN, PUT HIS MASK ON, HOLD  
HIM AWHILE!



HANK CORRALLED FIVE CHOICE PRISONERS  
THAT WAY, THE GERMANS CLEARED THAT  
AREA FAST! THEY THOUGHT IT WAS HAUNTED.

THE AMERICAN BARRAGE  
LIFTED! MUST BE  
MOVING UP!



LATER... TWO COLONELS,  
A BRIGADIER,  
GENERAL, AND TWO  
CAPTAINS! NICE  
GOIN'... HANK! HOW  
COME YOU TURNED  
BLUE?

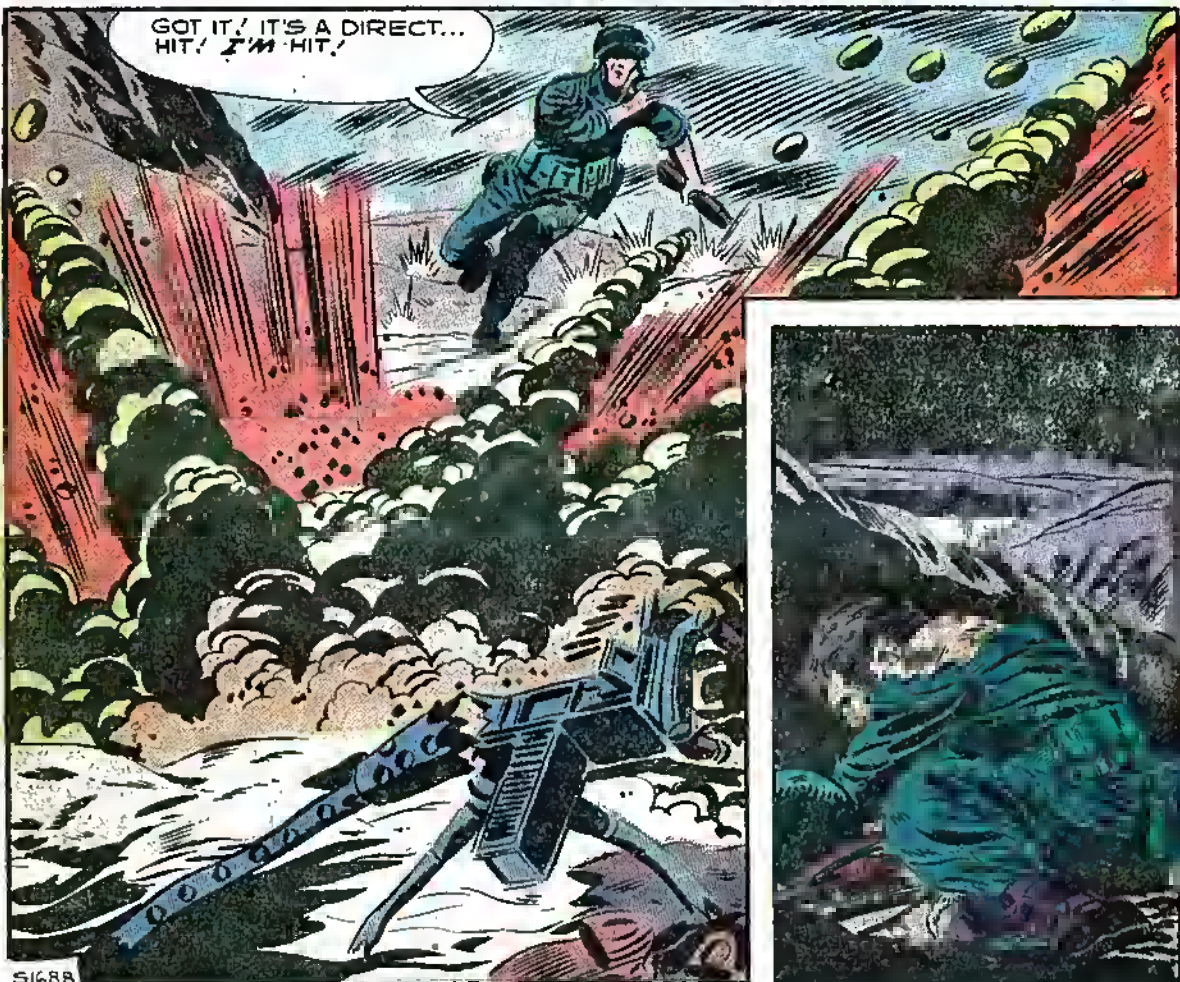
THE OFFICERS  
I CAPTURED  
DID TOO!  
THAT DUGOUT  
WAS IN BLUE  
CLAY--I RUBBED  
IT ON SO THE  
GERMANS WOULD  
NOT SEE US!  
WHEN THEY DID,  
IT SCARED  
THEM!

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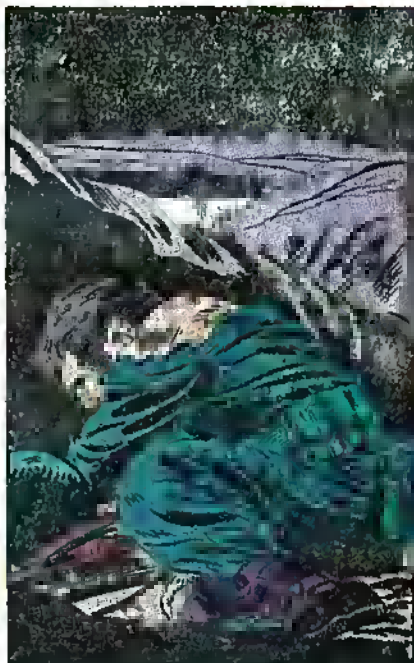
# A PRAYER

SOMEWHERE IN KOREA A SOLDIER FOUGHT... JUST ONE OF THOUSANDS OF NAMELESS MEN ON BOTH SIDES OR AN IMAGINARY LINE FIGHTING FOR THE COUNTRY HE OWED ALLEGIANCE TO. THIS ONE FOUGHT HARD, STRIVING TO WIN GROUND HE COULD NOT USE, FIGHTING MEN HE DID NOT KNOW. THEN A NAMELESS ENEMY, FIRING AT RANDOM, EMPTIED HIS RIFLE, AND...

GOT IT! IT'S A DIRECT...  
HIT! I'M HIT!



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...AND BEHIND THE RED LINES, AN ARTILLERY CAPTAIN GETS HIS ORDERS! LAY DOWN A HEAVY BARRAGE -- INDIFFERENT, UNKNOWING THAT A NINE-TEEN YEAR OLD BOY IS ONE OF THE TARGETS...



# FIGHTIN' ARMY

HUNDREDS OF SHELLS ARCH SKYWARD BUT ONE -- ONLY ONE... IS DESTINED FOR THAT PATCH OF EARTH WHERE THE SOLDIER LIES..



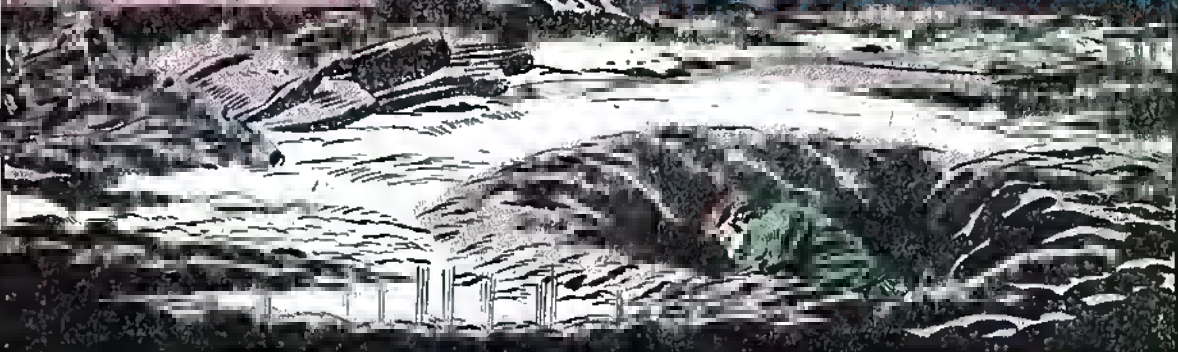
THUS, BALLISTICS AND THE IMPERSONAL ORDERS OF THE RED COMMAND HAVE STARTED THAT SHELL ON ITS JOURNEY TOWARD DESTRUCTION, NOTHING CAN STOP IT -- NOTHING...



NO, NOTHING WILL STOP THE SHELL, HERE IT IS, IN THE BARREL OF THE GUN...



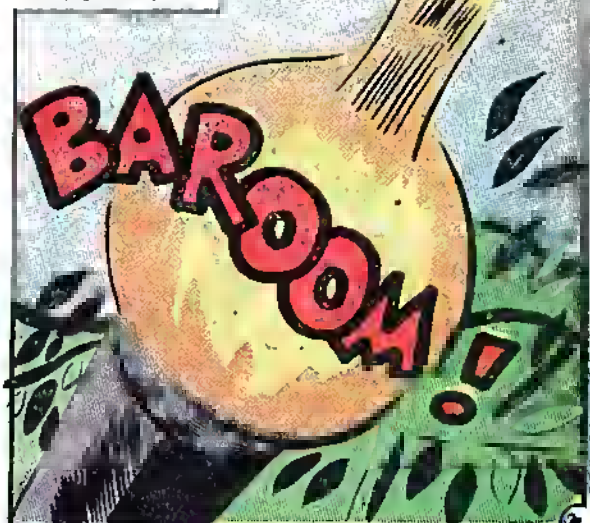
AND HERE IS WHERE THE SHELL WILL LAND...



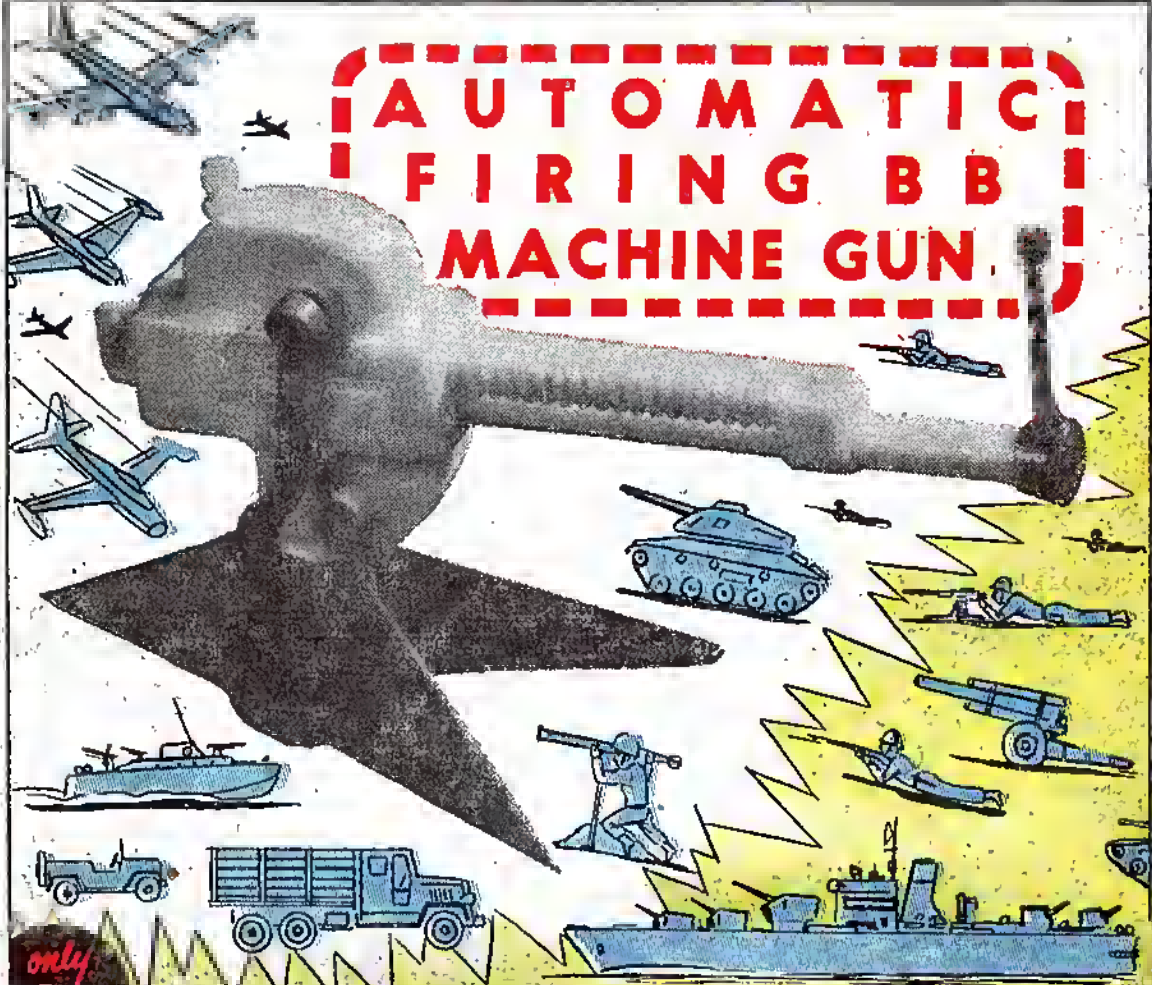
GUESS I HAD IT, CAN'T MOVE! THE SHELLS ARE GETTING CLOSER...



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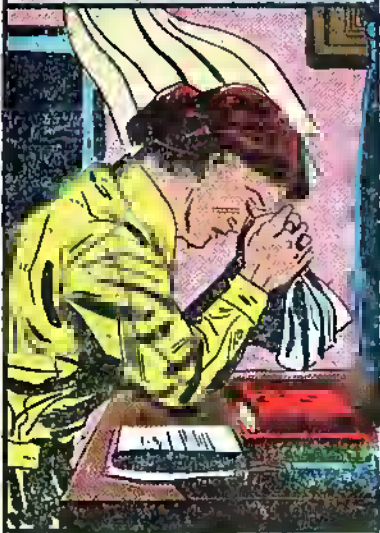
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THERE IT WAS! THE TARGET... THE SHELL ON ITS WAY! WHAT HOPE WAS THERE?



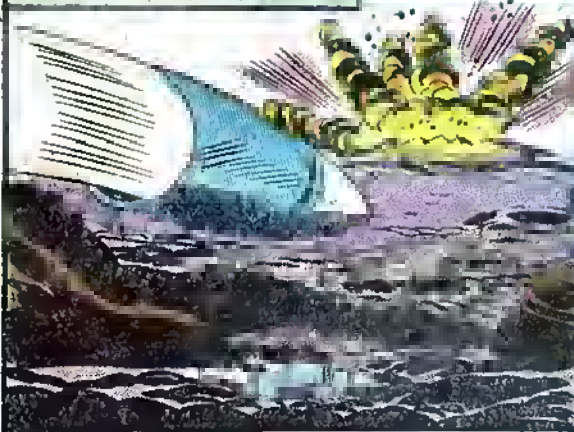
BUT ONE MAN HEARD SOMETHING! A MOAN? WHATEVER IT WAS, HE HEARD...



COME ON, BUSTER. TRY TO HELP ME. IT'S NOT HEALTHY OUT HERE!



NO! AND IT WAS GOING TO BE WORSE! FOR ALREADY ON ITS WAY...



WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! I JUST GOT YOU OUT OF THERE IN TIME! I GUESS YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE THROUGH!



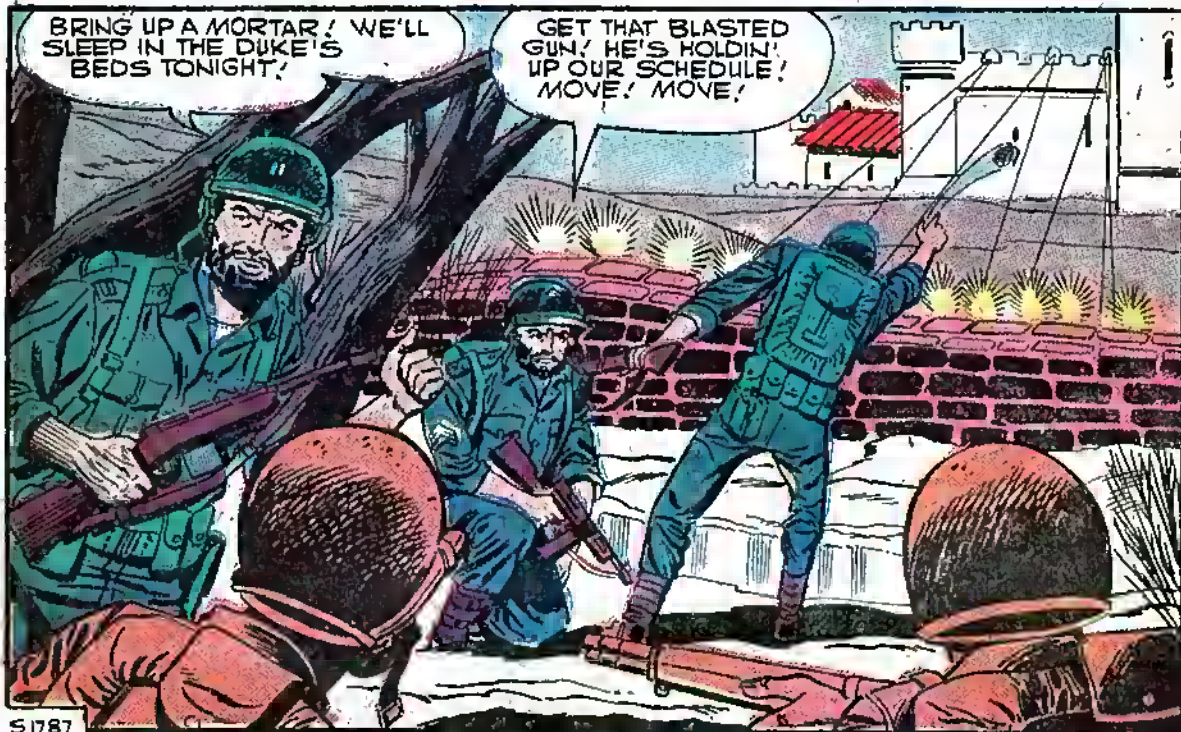
FUNNY THING-- I FELT SAFE! I WAS THINKING ABOUT MY MOTHER!

AND HIS MOTHER? SHE HAD BEEN PRAYING... PRAYING AS THOUSANDS OF MOTHERS DID AND WILL DO IN EVERY WAR!



# PRIORITY TARGET

CAPTAIN MARTIN'S CHARLIE COMPANY HAD GONE AFTER MANY OBJECTIVES IN FRANCE-- BUT NEVER DID THEY GO AFTER ONE AS DETERMINED AS THE CHATEAU DE BRIAND! THEY WOULDN'T LET ANY THING STOP THEM ...



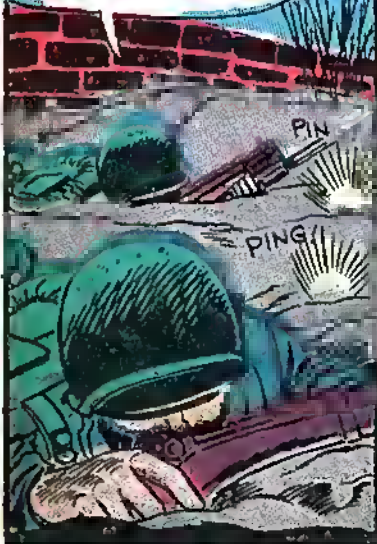
BRING UP A MORTAR! WE'LL SLEEP IN THE DUKE'S BEDS TONIGHT!

GET THAT BLASTED GUN! HE'S HOLDIN' UP OUR SCHEDULE! MOVE! MOVE!

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AND IT WASN'T JUST THE CAPTAIN OR SERGEANT O'BRIEN WHO WANTED IN ...

HE'S GOTTA RE-LOAD IN A SECOND! WE'LL CHARGE!

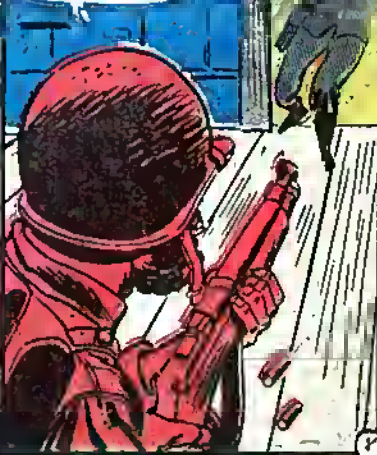


WE'RE PRACTICALLY IN!



BUT THE GERMAN DEFENDERS FOUGHT FANATICALLY! THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF GIVING IT UP ...

SURRENDER! YOU'RE SURROUN ... I FIGURED YOU'D TRY THAT! YOU GUYS DON'T GIVE UP EASILY!





# FIGHTIN' ARMY



NO, YOU DON'T! YOU'RE GONNA BE CAPTURED LIKE THE REST OF THEM!



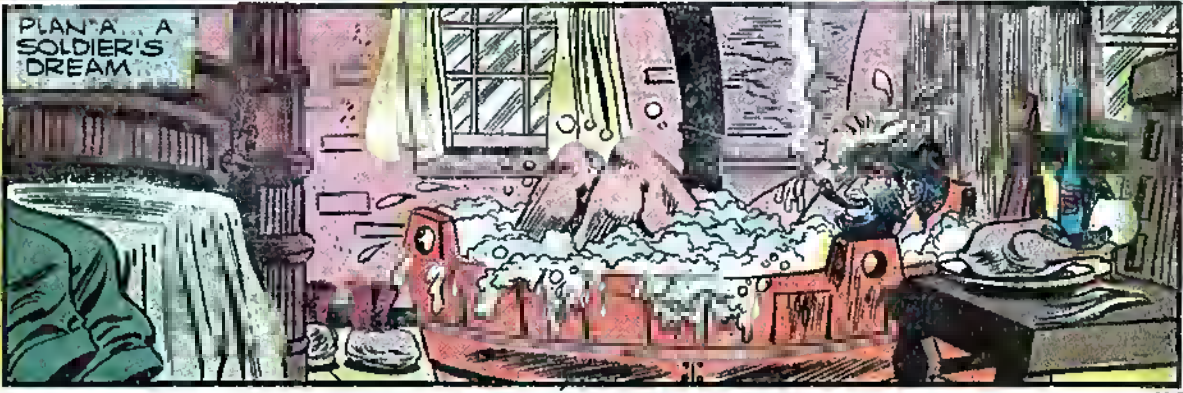
GOTCHA!



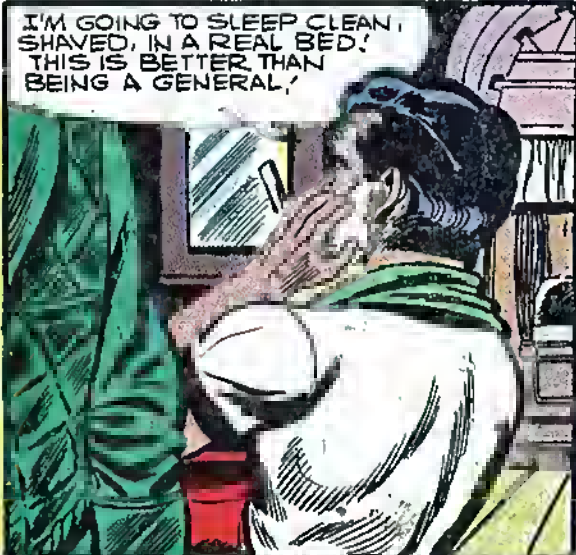
THE YANKS HAD TO FIGHT FOR EVERY ROOM! EVERY VAULT IN THE HUGE CELLAR! FINALLY, THEY FLUSHED THE LAST ENEMY SOLDIER OUT...

THAT DOES IT, SIR! THE OBJECTIVE IS OURS, SIR!

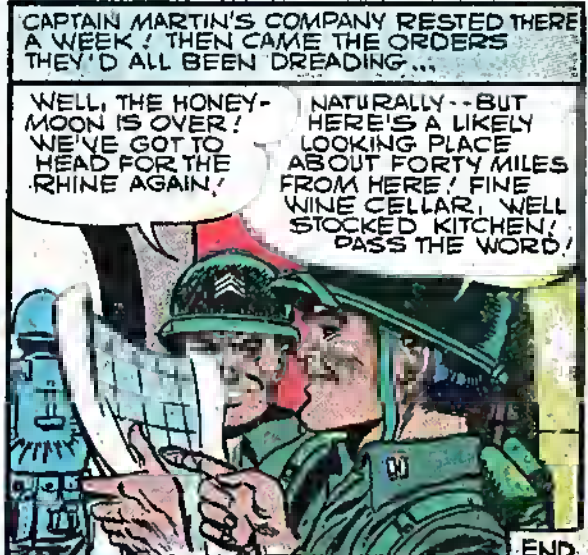
GOOD! POST SENTRIES, THEN PASS THE WORD THAT PLAN 'A' IS IN FORCE!



PLAN 'A' A SOLDIER'S DREAM



I'M GOING TO SLEEP CLEAN, SHAVED, IN A REAL BED! THIS IS BETTER THAN BEING A GENERAL!



CAPTAIN MARTIN'S COMPANY RESTED THERE A WEEK! THEN CAME THE ORDERS THEY'D ALL BEEN DREADING...

WELL, THE HONEY-MOON IS OVER! WE'VE GOT TO HEAD FOR THE RHINE AGAIN!

NATURALLY-- BUT HERE'S A LIKELY LOOKING PLACE ABOUT FORTY MILES FROM HERE! FINE WINE CELLAR, WELL STOCKED KITCHEN! PASS THE WORD!

END.

# TANK TRAP

WE'RE COOKED IF THEY FIND US IN THERE, CAPTAIN!

WE HAVE MORE CHANCE IN HERE, SARGE! WE'RE OUT OF GAS AND LOW ON AMMO! GET THAT SCRAP IRON INSIDE -- WE'LL ARGUE LATER!

RED TANK COMIN', CAP! BETTER GET IN AND PULL THE HOLE IN AFTER YUH!

THE REDS HAD MASSED NORTH OF THE VALU, BRINGING UP TANKS, ARTILLERY, AND SUPPLIES! THEN, THEY STRUCK... AND THE U.N. FORCES HAD TO DROP BACK, MAKING THE REDS PAY DEARLY FOR EVERY FOOT OF GROUND THEY GAINED! CAPTAIN JIM CROSLLEY'S TANK OUTFIT SUFFERED HEAVILY!

# FIGHTIN' ARMY

I BEGIN TO GET IT, YOU WERE HERE BEFORE, EH CAPTAIN?

THAT'S RIGHT, SARGE! GET BACK IN THE CAVE OR YOU'LL GET YOUR HAIR PARTED WITH A TON OF FALLING ROCKS!

IN THE CON-FUSION OF THE RED BARRAGE, THE DYNAMITE CHARGE WENT UN- NOTICED! AND WHERE THE CAVE ENTRANCE HAD BEEN, THERE WAS NOTHING...



WE USED THIS AS A GAS AND AMMO DUMP WHEN WE CAME UP THIS WAY, MOST OF THE STUFF IS STILL HERE!

IT'LL STAY HERE NOW THAT THE TUNNELS BLOCKED! I GUESS WE'LL SIT THE REST OF THE POLICE ACTION OUT IN A RED PRISON CAMP!



NO, WE WON'T. GET A SHOVEL! WE'LL MOVE MOST OF THIS DIRT OUT OF THE WAY! JUST BE SURE WE DON'T BREAK THROUGH!

MEAN- WHILE, THE BIG BRASS WAS FRANTIC, STEM- MING THE RED DRIVE...

WHERE ARE YOUR TANKS? DID WE LOSE THEM TOO?

I WAS WONDER- ING ABOUT THEM TOO. CAPTAIN CROSLLEY WAS FALLING BACK, THEN HE SAID HE'D CALL ME IN A FEW DAYS!



# FIGHTIN' ARMY

WHAT? IF HE ISN'T BACK NOW, THE REDS HAVE TAKEN HIM!

NOT NECESSARILY, SIR! CROSLLEY IS AN INGENUOUS CUSS!



MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN CROSLLEY WAS GETTING HIS TANKS REPAIRED AND FILLED WITH GAS AND AMMUNITION...

WE'RE ALL SET IN HERE, SIR! WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE?

I'M GOING TO FIND OUT RIGHT NOW!



IT'S DAYLIGHT NOW! I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CLIMB OUT THROUGH THIS TUNNEL AND LOOK AROUND!

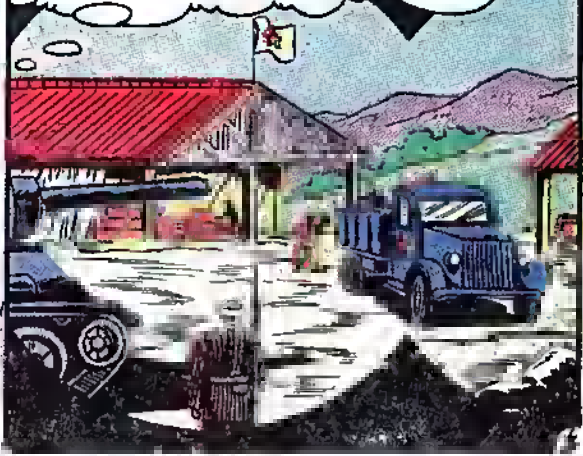
BE CAREFUL, SIR!



THEY DON'T KNOW WE'RE IN HERE! THEY'RE TOO BUSY POUNDING THE LINES TO NOTICE ME!

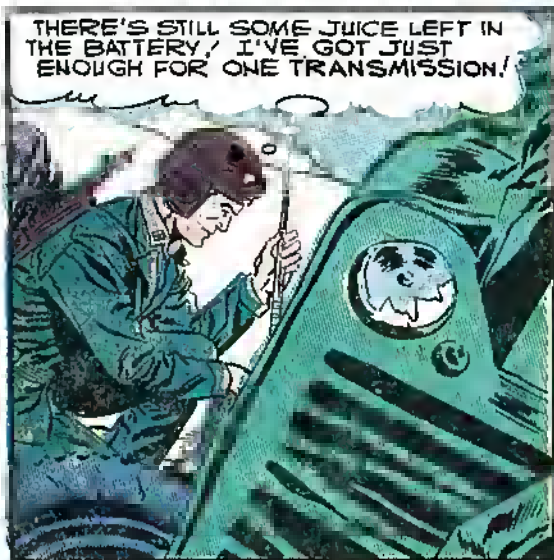


IF I CAN THROW A FEW SHELLS IN THERE IT WON'T MATTER IF WE GET CAUGHT! I'VE GOT TO GET WORD TO THE COLONEL!



# FIGHTIN' ARMY

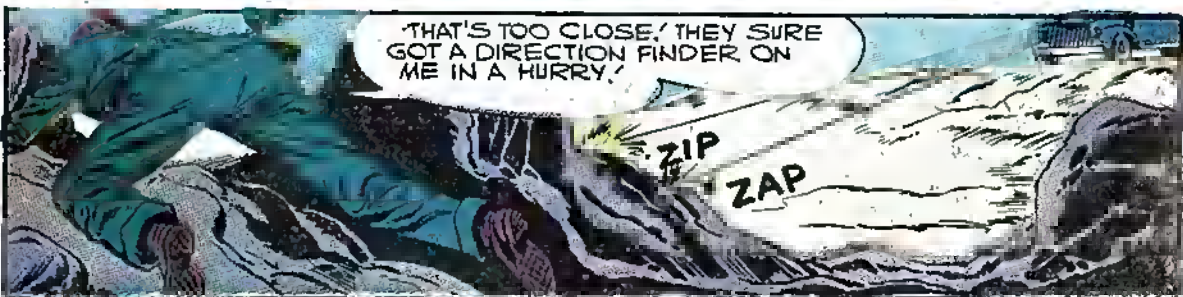
A SHELL BLASTED JEEP IN A DITCH NEARBY! OFFERED CROSBLEY HIS ONLY CHANCE! HE MADE A DASH FOR IT AND CHECKED THE COMMAND RADIO...



GET READY FOR A STAB IN THE RED BACK ON THE IRISHMAN'S BIRTHDAY, I'M SIGNING OFF!



'THAT'S TOO CLOSE, THEY SURE GOT A DIRECTION FINDER ON ME IN A HURRY.'



AS THE CAPTAIN ELUDED THE RED ARMORED CAR...

HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO BE POLITE, BOYS!



MADE IT, I HOPE THE COLONEL KNOWS WHAT IRISHMAN'S BIRTHDAY I MEAN, TODAY IS MARCH THE SIXTEENTH!



# FIGHTIN' ARMY

HEY, SARGE. WHAT DAY IS TOMORROW?

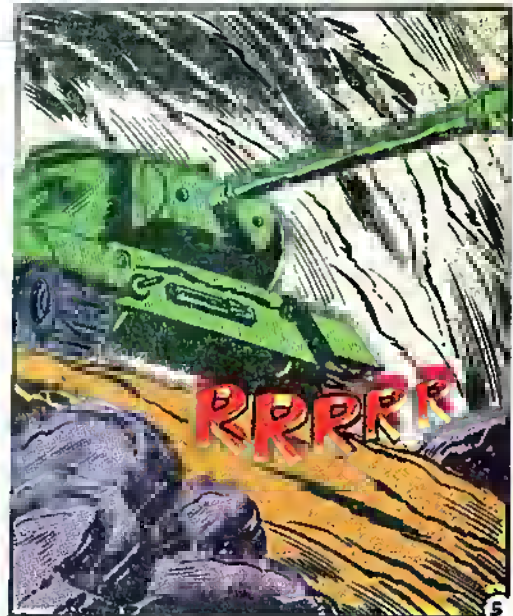
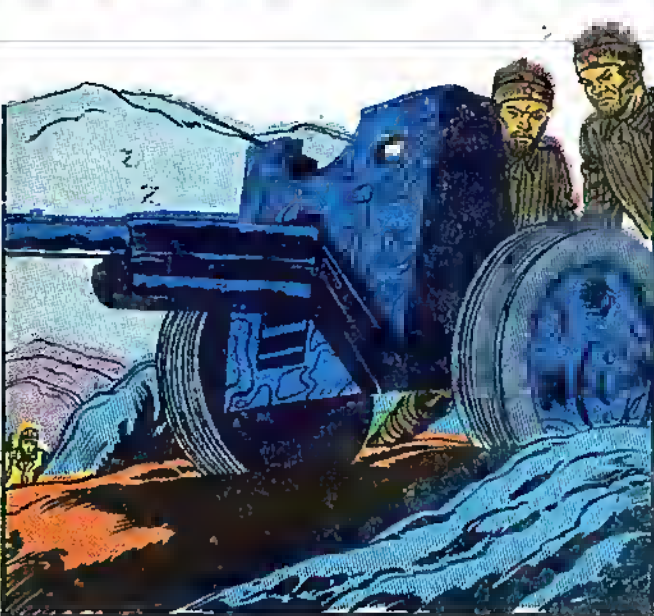
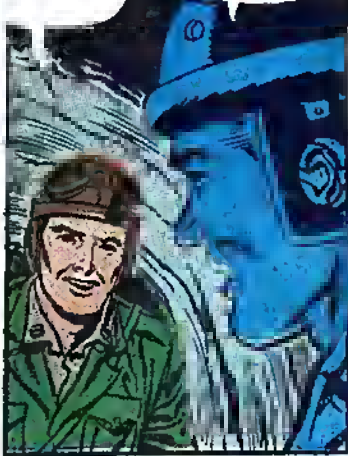
ST. PATRICK'S DAY, YOU OMAHAIN. THAT'S IRISH FOR CAPTAIN, SIR!

CAPTAIN CROSLLEY DUG OUT THE LAST FEW YARDS OF DIRT AT THE CAVE ENTRANCE HIMSELF, AS MORNING ARRIVED...

HOW DO WE DO IT, SIR? JUST START 'EM UP AND BREAK OUT?

IT WON'T BE THAT EASY, SARGE! I'LL GO OUT THE SMALLER TUNNEL FIRST...

...AND MAKE SURE THEY'RE NOT WAITING FOR US! EXACTLY TEN MINUTES FROM NOW, YOU BREAK OUT THE FIRST TANK!



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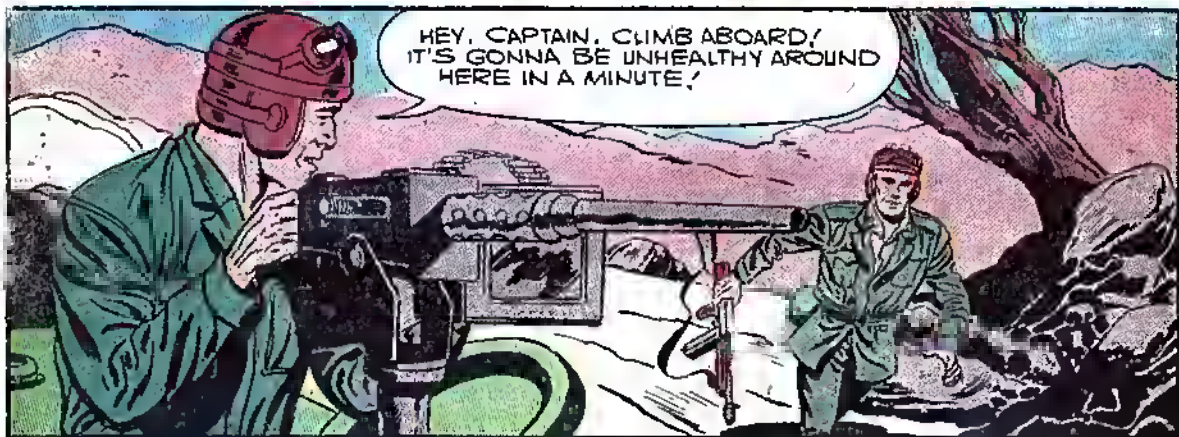
HEY! OVER HERE,  
YOU CRUMBS!



BULLSEYE! BUT  
THEY MIGHT  
STILL BE  
ABLE TO  
FIRE THAT  
GUN!



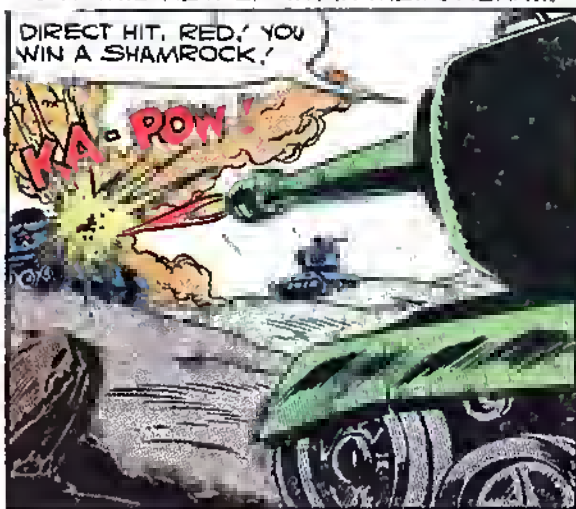
HAPPY ST. PATTY'S  
DAY, YOU CRUMMY  
REDS!



HEY, CAPTAIN, CLIMB ABOARD!  
IT'S GONNA BE UNHEALTHY AROUND  
HERE IN A MINUTE!

RED TANKS SWING AROUND-- BEWILDERED  
AT THIS NEW ENEMY IN THEIR REAR...

DIRECT HIT, RED! YOU  
WIN A SHAMROCK!



START ZIGZAGGING, RED! THEY'LL  
THROW ALL THEY HAVE TO KEEP  
US AWAY FROM  
THEIR AMMO  
DUMP!





# FIGHTIN' ARMY

THOUSANDS OF TONS OF AMMUNITION FOR THE RED THRUST LAY AHEAD, CAPTAIN CROSLLEY GAVE THE ORDER TO FIRE...



'SCRATCH ONE RED AMMUNITION DUMP, HEAD FOR THE LINES, RED, WE'LL FIRE AT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY AS THE FLY-BOYS DO.'



THE THUNDEROUS EXPLOSION OF THE AMMUNITION WAS THE SIGNAL FOR AN ALL-OUT AMERICAN ATTACK! CAPTAIN CROSLLEY'S ATTACK ON THE RED REAR HELPED A LITTLE TOO...

HOLD YOUR FIRE, THESE GUYS ARE OUT OF IT!



I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE CAVE, CAPTAIN! HOW DID IT COME TO BE THAT WELL STOCKED?

MY BOYS ARE NATURAL SCROUNGERS, SIR! THEY STEAL EVERYTHING THAT'S NOT NAILED DOWN!



FINE! THAT'S AN ADMIRABLE TRAIT IN A SOLDIER!

I'M GLAD YOU FEEL THAT WAY, SIR! I WON'T SAY ANYTHING TO RED THEN TO MAKE HIM STOP!



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